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Medical Attendance - Central Government employees - Recommendations of the Central Pay commission - Papers Recorded.

R.No.85193-E2/47. Office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras. Madras 6, dated 10th January 1948.

From

Colonel B.L. Bhatia, CIE.,MC.,MA.,MD(Cantab),FRCP(Lond) FRS(E),
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Medical attendance on and treatment of Central Government employees - Recommendation of the Central Pay Commission.

Ref: Government Endorsement No.74174-G1 47-1, dated 25-9-1947.

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I have to state that the following are the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission contained in the extract forwarded with the Government endorsement quoted above:-

1. The nature and seriousness of the ailment should be the deciding factor and not the status of the patient in determining the grade of Medical Officer to whose aid the patient be entitled.

2. To the extent that free treatment is allowed to the employee himself, i.e., when in the opinion of the Medical attendant owing to remoteness or absence of hospital facilities or seriousness of illness the patient cannot be moved out, the family of an employee may also be provided free treatment at his residence.

As regards recommendation (1) I have to state that according to the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944, a Civil Surgeon of the Provincial Government is the authorised medical attendant for Central Government employees who belong to Class I or whose pay is Rs.500/- and above per mensem; a Civil Assistant Surgeon, Class I, is the authorised the medical attendant for those who do not belong to Class I and whose pay is between Rs.150 and Rs.500 per mensem; and a Civil Assistant Surgeon, Class II, is the authorised medical attendant for those whose pay is less than Rs.150/- per mensem (but not inferior servants). As Central Government employees whose pay is below Rs.150/- per mensem will be many in number and as the number of Civil Assistant Surgeons, Class II, will also be large, the practice now obtaining, viz., that Civil Assistant Surgeons, Class II, should be the authorised medical attendants for Central Government employees whose pay is below Rs.150/- per mensem is sound. Civil Assistant Surgeons, Class II, will be available in mofussail Medical Institutions also but a Civil Surgeon will be available only at District Headquarters stations and Civil Surgeoncy stations. In this connection I have to state that according to the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944, the authorised medical attendant (be he a Civil Assistant Surgeon, Class II, Civil Assistant Surgeon, Class I, or a Civil Surgeon) can send a patient to the nearest specialist or other Medical Officer by whom, in his opinion, the medical attendance is required for patient, or, if the patient is too ill to travel, summon such specialist or other Medical Officer to attend upon the patient. In view of this provision, every

Central Government employee is entitled to specialist treatment if his authorised medical attendant considers that such specialist treatment is necessary. The recommendation No.(1) above of the Central Pay Commission can therefore be said to be implied in the existing arrangement. Hence there seems to be no necessity to make any modification in the existing rules.

As regards recommendation No.(2) above, I have to state that at present the families of Central Government employees are entitled to free medical treatment in a Hospital (admission into which is authorised by the authorised medical attendant) and at the consulting room of the authorised medical attendant. The Central Government employees only are entitled to medical attendance by the authorised medical attendants at their own viz., the employees residences, when they are unable to move about, but not their families. The Central Pay Commission now recommends that when in the opinion of the medical attendant, owing to remoteness or absence of hospital facilities or seriousness of illness the patient cannot be moved out, the family of an employee may also be provided free treatment at this residence, viz., the residence of the employee. As this arrangement will entail considerable amount ~~of work on the part~~ of work on the part of the Government Medical Officers and will interfere with their regular duties in their respective medical institutions, especially in Madras City where there is a large number of Central Government officials and employees, the existing concession of free medical attendance to the families at a Hospital or the consulting room of the authorised medical attendant would appear to be sufficient. If, in any particular case of serious illness, the authorised medical attendant is agreeable to attend on the patient at the latter's residence, this may be treated as attendance at a Hospital for the purpose of the concession of free medical treatment.

Yours obedient servant,
Sd, x x x
for Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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Education and Public Health (G)

Memo. 74174 G1/47-3- P.H. dated 4-2-48.

Medical attendance - Central Government employees - Recommendation of the Central Pay Commission.

Ref: From Super. Surgeon-General, R.No.85193-E2/47, dated 10-1-48.

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The suggestion of the Surgeon General that in any particular case of illness, if the authorised medical attendant is agreeable to attend on the patient at the latter's residence, this may be treated as attendance at a hospital for the purpose of the concession of free medical treatment is aceepted. An amendment to Rule 35 of the Madras Medical Attendance Rules relating to Central Government employees and their families is called for to give effect to the suggestion. The Surgeon General is requested to state whether the following amendment to Rule 35 (11) shown in brackets will suffice for the prupose:-

"Medical attendance and treatment by arrangement with the authorised medical attendant at a comsulting room maintained by him(or in the discretion of the authorised medical attendant in any particular case of serious illness at the residence of the employee) shall be deemed to be medical attendance and treatment at a hospital for purposes of free medical attendance and treatment".

Sd. x x x
4-2-48.

To the Super Surgeon - General.

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Medical Department.

From

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Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras,
Madras - 6.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.
In R.No. 85193 E 2/47 dated 28-2-48.

Sir,

Sub: Medical Attendance - Central Government employees - Recommendation of the Central Pay Commission.
Ref: Government Memo. No.74174G1/47-3 P.H.dated 4-2-48.

I have to state that the concession proposed in the Government Memorandum can be given effect to only if the Government of India approve the suggestion and issue necessary amendment to the Central Services(Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. I therefore request that the Government of India may kindly be addressed on the subject. The proposed amendment to Rule 35 (11) of the Madras Medical Attendance Rules may be issued after the orders of the Government of India are received.

Your obedient servant,
Sd. x x x
for Surgeon- General with the Government of Madras.

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Please see the note of Public (Services) above. It is the Finance Department who sent to this Department extracts of recommendation of the Central Pay Commission relating to 'Medical Aid'. It is to be noted that there are several matters like 'medical aid'. It does not therefore appear to be desirable to address the Government of India on each subject by the Department concerned as suggested by Finance (~~in their note on p-12~~) ~~ante~~. It is preferable that a reminder to the Government of India should if at all go from Finance only. The papers may perhaps be recorded and action taken on the subject if and when a communication is received in the matter from the Government of India. For orders ,

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31-3-49.

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G.O.MS. NO. 1144, Public Health, dated 31-3-49.

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